

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2 and 6-13 have been cancelled. Claims 16-23 have been added. Claims 16-23 are pending and under consideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 2 and 6-8 were rejected under USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Frucco (EP 0 464 776) (hereinafter "Frucco") in view of Kim et al. (US 2003/0024056) (hereinafter "Kim").

Claims 1, 2 and 6-8 have been cancelled.

NEW CLAIMS

New claims 16-23 have been added to present an alternate recitation of the present invention. Support for these new claims may be found in at least Figures 3A and 3B of the present application.

New independent claim 16 recites that a control unit controls the motor and the pumping unit to be simultaneously operated, or turned on, and new independent claim 22 recites that a control unit controls the motor and the pumping unit to be simultaneously stopped, or turned off.

However, the relied on references do not disclose the above technical feature of new claims 16 and 22 of the present invention.

Especially, Frucco only states that laundering liquid is recirculated and sprayed onto the laundry contained in the drum of the machine using recirculation conduit and circulation pump. Therefore, Frucco does not teach or suggest the technical feature of amended claims 16 and 22 of the present invention.

The present invention as recited in claims 16 and 22 provides a drum washing machine which circulates water contained in a water tub into a rotary tub to be sprayed onto laundry simultaneously with the rotation of the rotary tub in forward and reverse directions, so that the laundry is sufficiently and uniformly soaked with water within a short time.

No new matter has been added, and entry and consideration are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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